

DEMOCRATS TO MAKE CANVASS OF THE COUNTY

Democratic Candidates for County Offices to Discuss Campaign Issues

BEGIN MONDAY NIGHT

Campaign Will Last Up To Day Before Election; Every Section of County To Be Visited

For democracy, and its cause, leaders in the county are planning one of the most extensive political campaigns waged since the early part of the century, a campaign that will carry the issues of the contest to every voter in practically every section throughout the county. Twenty speeches appear on the schedule, and with their completion, it is expected that democratic Martin will uphold its banner and go through the contest with colors flying for its nominees from township court up to Al Smith.

The people everywhere are invited and urged to attend the meetings scheduled in their respective districts. County candidates and speakers of note from outside the county will take part in the program. The meetings will be reasonably short and will be of interest to all, declared Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, in announcing the canvass yesterday.

Next Monday night, the general canvass will be started when speakers go to Hassell and Dardens, where good crowds are expected to attend and join in the campaign discussions. From there the canvassers will go to Gold Point and Jamesville Tuesday night, October 23. Wednesday night the issues will be placed before the citizens at Everetts and Jamesville, Hon. H. C. Carter, of Washington, speaking at Everetts in the school building, and the regular canvassers going to Jamesville. Lilley's Hall and Sandy Ridge will be visited Thursday night, and it is rumored that the party's old standard-bearer in this county, Judge R. J. Peel, will be at Sandy Ridge, where he has gone in the interest of his party for several years. Oak City and Parneto are on the schedule Friday night, and Saturday night the campaign will be centered on Fair View. Monday, the 29th, the canvassers will start the week at Hamilton and Macedonia. The next town on the schedule is Bear Grass, the speakers going there Tuesday night, the 30th, Wednesday the canvassers will meet the voters at Mills Schoolhouse. November 1, Thursday night, the Brown Schoolhouse and Smithwick's Creek will be visited by the speakers. Farm Life will be only scheduled stop for Friday night, the 2nd. The canvass will be brought to a close in Everetts Monday night, November 5, the night before the election. Then the canvassers will return to their homes to await the reports of the following day.

The issues of this campaign are of marked interest to all, stated Chairman Peel, and he is urging the people to attend the meetings when they possibly can do so.

Jail Inmates Are Having Own Political Campaign

Sheriff Roebuck's jail boarders are having a regular political campaign all their own, and while they have not gained the latest from the speakers canvassing this section, they are well posted as to the issues in the contest. Two of the prisoners are too young to vote, but one, Vernon Allabrooks, is leading Smith's campaign in the small cells and although they will be forced to have an election of their own, the two old enough will want to vote for Smith before November 6.

Young Allabrooks takes for his main argument, "prosperity," and he shows the two men how they were forced to make liquor in the woods in order to make a living under this so-called Republican prosperity. And his plea is being well accepted.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY BUZZ BARTON
in
THE LITTLE BUCKAROO

Added
COMEDY
AND SERIAL
"The Yellow Cameo"

COURTHOUSE IS PACKED TO HEAR EX-GOVERNOR MORRISON WEDNESDAY

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES ARE DISCUSSED

Says Hoover Qualified To Run Chain Hotels, But Not for President

LAUDS SMITH RECORD
Compares Records of Democratic and Republican Parties; Audience Is Enthusiastic

In an address delivered in the courthouse here last Wednesday night before 350 citizens from all over this and from several adjoining counties, Hon. Cameron Morrison pointed out the corruption and rascality of the Republican party, examined the qualifications of both presidential candidates, and discussed the "three issues" in a way that enlightened and pleased his large audience.

A. R. Dunning, local attorney opened the meeting with a few words, introducing Judge R. J. Peel, clerk of the court. Mr. Peel, very fittingly, and in no uncertain terms, introduced one of North Carolina's greatest governors, the Hon. Cameron Morrison. Mr. Peel was warm in his praise for Governor Morrison, stating that it was he who had endeared himself to all the people when he lifted us out of mud and mire and placed us on solid foundations. In breaking the way for the main speech, the clerk of court mentioned the wholesale bribery, robberies, and the almost unbelievable corruptness of the Republican party.

Skipping the usual preliminaries, Mr. Morrison went at once in his speech to the issues of the campaign. "Eight years ago," he said, "a group of men, seeking power, started filling the country with lies and spent millions to martyr Wilson, and today they are continuing the game." When the Republicans went in power following Wilson, they thought they were going to have a big-time checking the expenditures made by the Democrats during the World War. "They appointed a committee to make the investigation, 27 men, and all prominent Republicans. It wasn't long before a Democratic minority started an investigation of the 27 men." Just what Mr. Walsh found was made interesting by Mr. Morrison when he started with Mr. Daugherty and checked off Denby, Fall, Colonel Forbes, and pointed out their corrupt policies. Vane and Mayor Thompson were due seats on the same row, and when their corruptness began to spread, it disgusted the people of the entire nation. "And now the thieves want more, and they are robbing the country with lies," Mr. Morrison said. "It would seem they are in a defenseless position, but power and money have confused the public mind, and the true conditions are not known to all." The one defense the opposing party claims was made by Senator Peiss, of Ohio, and that has to do with the suppression of the negro vote in the South by the Democratic party. "From Jefferson to Wilson nothing can be found against the Democratic party that will compare with the corrupt administrations of the past seven and one-half years," Mr. Morrison averred.

The former governor masterfully handled the qualifications of Smith as our next President, and pointed out that Mr. Hoover was not as well qualified for the office. "Hoover is a Vane candidate," the speaker stated in his discussion of the two men running for the high office. "He was born poor but managed his way through college. He was sent to Europe to buy and operate mines for big interests. In this venture he was successful for seventeen years; and while that was all right, it did not fit Herbert Hoover for the position he is striving for now. When the war broke out, he was placed at the head of Belgian relief, but that did not qualify him for statesmanship. As food administrator he learned nothing about government; the job might have qualified him to run a chain of hotels. But all the while Herbert Hoover was being advertised. He stated that the country ought to back Woodrow Wilson, and at that time Herbert Hoover did not know whether he was a Democrat or a Republican. He deserted Wilson and ran to the Republican party and got between Daugherty and Denby as Secretary of Commerce. They stole all around him, and as far as records go, he was the only man who knew nothing about it," Mr. Morrison declared.

"Any person voting the Republican ticket November 6 is not voting for Herbert Hoover, the great engineer and humanitarian, but they are voting for a man backed by a group of men made up of the select, the rich, the corrupt," the speaker assured his audience of more than 300 citizens.

TEACHERS MEET HERE SATURDAY

To Be Held in Courthouse Auditorium; Is Second Meeting of Year

Teachers in the Martin County schools will assemble here tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 in their second meeting of the 1928-29 term, it was announced by the office of County Superintendent R. A. Pope yesterday afternoon. The general meeting will be held in the Methodist church, the teachers later repairing to the several rooms in the school building for their reading circle work.

Superintendent Pope states that he is looking for a large representation from all the schools at the meeting, and that the number will probably be over 85. Many of the six-months schools have opened or are planning to open next week, and the teachers of those schools will take part in the meeting.

At their last meeting held here, the teachers organized their work for the term, and the first reading circle projects will be taken up tomorrow.

STATE FAIR TO BEGIN MONDAY

Many Martin County People Planning to Attend During Week

According to statements made by many people here and throughout the county, Martin will be well represented at the State Fair in Raleigh next week. The fair opens there next Monday after remaining closed for two years and will continue throughout the week.

According to reports from the Capital City all the new buildings, which were erected during the summer, are completed. Arrangements have been made to house many additional exhibits in tents. Flood lights have been put on the fair grounds which will provide an abundance of illumination at night. Pumps have been installed in the 451 foot well, which will provide 3,500 gallons of water per minute. One hundred stalls are filled with race horses. The concession holders have erected their stands along the midway. Raleigh is prepared to welcome the greatest number of visitors which she has ever had in her history.

The opening day will be school children's day and American Legion Day. The school children of each county in the State have been invited to attend the fair on that day, both through letters to be county superintendents and through the newspapers. The only requirements for free admission on that day are that the child wear a badge showing that he is regularly enrolled in a North Carolina public school, or that a teacher be present at the fair to certify that the child is in school. This invitation applies to both city and county school children, and is made because the North Carolina State Fair is an educational as well as an agricultural fair.

Federated Clubs Hold District Meet Today

The annual district meeting of the Women's Federated clubs is being held in Plymouth today. About twenty members of the local club are attending, among them are most of the officers of the club.

Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, district president, will preside and will make the main address. Others on the program are Mrs. I. M. Meekins, Mrs. F. M. Hobgood and Mrs. Thos. O'Berry, state president.

"Herbert Hoover has never been elected to a public office, and I am sure he never will," Mr. Morrison declared in the midst of great applause and cheering. "Herbert Hoover is less prepared for the office than any candidate ever offered. Next to Cal he is the most silent man that ever walked," Mr. Morrison said, and in describing Mr. Coolidge's silence, he called him the "silent mummy."

"Smith, the little, bald candidate, has done more to popularize people's rights than any other man in New York State," it was declared. In reviewing the life of Alfred E. Smith, the former governor said that like Hoover he was born poor, but where Hoover had worked for big interests and made big money, Alfred Smith was championing the rights of the people in New York State. "Smith has led in the program looking toward social justice; he has worked for humanity. Understanding and useful, the New York man ever championed the rights of the people as representative in the New York General Assembly, as sheriff of New York County, and

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NUMBER ABSENT FROM SCHOOL IS REAL PROBLEM

County School Authorities Urge That Children Be Sent to School

LAW BE TO ENFORCED

Enrollment at Bear Grass Is 100 Less Than Last Year; Poor Attendance at Oak City

The number of absences reported in Martin County schools this year is unusually large, it was learned from several of the school heads throughout the county this week. The Bear Grass school reported 136 enrolled last Monday morning, opening day, as compared with 259 enrolled during the last term. "This condition there is being gradually remedied through the teachers, parent-teacher association, and the school heads, and while the decrease in the number of pupils enrolled there is unusually large, it is typical of many schools in the county, according to information coming from several sources.

Principal H. M. Ainsley, of the Oak City schools, stated yesterday that the attendance in the school there was not what it ought to be and that all the absences were not due to the pupils remaining home to work. "We understand crops must be harvested, but we wish to appeal to the parents not to keep the little children who can not work in the fields at home," Mr. Ainsley further stated.

Compulsory attendance laws will be applied to many of the cases within the next few days unless there is an improvement in the attendance records, it was stated by Superintendent Pope yesterday afternoon. "We do not like to resort to such methods, but in respect to the laws of the State and in fairness to the children, something will have to be done," he stated. In this work the school officials, both county and local, are appealing to the parents and guardians in an effort to have the children attend the various schools regularly, and it is for the good of the community and the entire county that these children do attend as often as providence will permit, it was pointed out.

HEAVY FINES HAVING EFFECT

Not Single Case of Driving While Drunk on County Court Docket

There was and there was not any recorder's court this week. A regular session was held and ten cases were called, but not one was tried. It so happened that some case presented itself in each case, making it necessary for Judge Bailey to continue the case until next Tuesday.

The number of cases called underwent a decided decrease, and on the docket there were no cases charging defendants with driving an automobile while intoxicated. Judge Bailey's fine is said to be having its effect.

The session lasted a little over an hour when the judge examined the causes for continuing the cases. Several of the cases were brought over from previous courts, and there were only one or two new ones up for trial.

Oak City School Gets Results of Examinations

Oak City, Oct. 17.—It is very gratifying to know the standing of our school as compared with other high schools of the State in the senior class examinations given last February. These examinations were sent out to all accredited high schools by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith. They were given to the members of the senior class. The State median is 82.91. The median for Oak City school is 72.5. Our students stood highest in French and mathematics. The State median in French is 21.738, and Oak City's is 20.5. The State median in mathematics is 8.03, and for Oak City is 16.17.

"Movies" Had Hard Sledding This Week

It has been hard sledding for the two motion picture houses in the county this week. Hamilton Stock Company here, a circus in Everetts and Hamilton, and a political speaking here and another at Robersonville have caused a loss for the movie operators this week, it was stated yesterday.

Hickman Pays Supreme Penalty This Morning

William Edward Hickman paid with his life this morning on a gallows in San Quentin Prison, Calif., for the brutal murder of little Marian Parker, Los Angeles school girl, a year ago.

The execution took place after numerous pleas of insanity had been made and heard. The body was embalmed at the prison, and will be buried in a San Rafael cemetery.

Official Figures Give Local Market Best Average in Belt

JAIL 3 BOYS FOR TOBACCO THEFT

Weed Stolen in Beaufort County Put on Market Here Tuesday

Richard Waters, Norwood Tetterton, and Melvin Tetterton, all young boys of Beaufort County, were jailed here last Wednesday afternoon, when they were caught selling stolen tobacco. A fourth boy, Lonnie Tetterton, a brother to Melvin, was released when the three boys confessed to stealing tobacco from Mr. J. E. Clark's farm, eight miles below Washington, last Monday night.

Following a little drinking party that night, the three boys figured how to make easy money. Their plans led them to the packhouse on Mr. Clark's farm, where they stole 440 pounds of his tobacco. Tuesday they placed their steal on a local warehouse floor and just before they started to get the check, two of Mr. Clark's tenants came in and recognized the tobacco. The boys observed the actions of the tenants, and after the two men left, they decided to wait until next day to get the check, thinking it would be safer to do so. The warehouse proprietors investigated the matter and stated they would question the person calling for the check which was written in Jack Vinson's name. The next day the boys drove in, and just as Melvin started to call for the check, Chief W. B. Daniel arrested him. The other three boys were waiting outside in the car, and Chief Daniel left the captured boy with warehouse employees and made a search for the others. The boys were surprised when they were told they were under arrest, but it wasn't long before one of the boys related the whole story.

Beaufort County authorities were called and the boys were removed to that county.

Only 18 years of age, the three boys are very bright and expressed much regret for their deed. They were frank in the confession and told just how the thievery was effected.

Baptist Program For Next Week

Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, is the service which will be the beginning of the series on the Ten Commandments.

An effort is being made to make these discussions of such nature that the people will want to hear them. The usual Sunday morning service will be held, as usual, the pastor preaching.

The regular mid-week service will be held Wednesday evening; at which time a new series of Wednesday evening themes will be introduced. Several people from the local congregation attended the sessions of the Association this past week at Farmville. There was a large gathering of people, and they were well entertained by the Farmville church people.

The sessions were very satisfactory to those attending, and from the very first, everything was pitched on a high key. The review of the year's work indicated that marked progress had been made by the churches of the Roanoke Association.

Judge Crawford Biggs to Speak in Robersonville

Thursday night at eight o'clock, Judge Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, will carry the issues of the present campaign before the people of Robersonville and community. A noted speaker and a staunch Democrat, Judge Biggs is expected to be well received by the people of that community.

John D. Lilley Is New Jefferson Standard Agent

Mr. John D. Lilley has resigned as assistant to the clerk of the superior court here, and is now with the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co. He will also serve as representative for the Wilson Marble Works. His office is in the old Julius Peel building on Washington Street.

Beaufort County Fair at Washington Next Week

The Beaufort County fair begins in Washington next Tuesday, October 23, and continues through Friday. The fair has been operating for the past two years under the auspices of the American Legion and the officers have planned the best one yet for next week.

The marshal's ball will be held Thursday evening in the armory of the 112th Field Artillery.

All American Legion members of Martin county who present a 1929 membership card will be given free admission.

REPUBLICAN TO SPEAK MONDAY

Ira Lee, Clerk of Court of Johnston County, At Court House Here

Mr. Ira Lee, Republican clerk of the court of Johnston County, will come to the aid of his party in this section here next Monday night, when he discusses the issues of the present campaign. Mr. Lee will speak in the courthouse at 7:30 o'clock, and the voters are invited to hear him.

During the past several weeks, Mr. Lee has been working in the interest of his party in this section, and is said to be an interesting speaker.

SCHOOL BEGINS AT BEAR GRASS

Only 136 Enrolled at Opening Session Last Monday

Bear Grass, Oct. 16.—Monday morning promptly at 8:45 the Bear Grass Junior High School opened its 1928-29 session. Many parents and friends of the school were present for the opening, including County Superintendent R. A. Pope. Mr. Pope made a short talk to the school urging cooperation to help make this one of the best schools in the county. Mr. A. B. Ayers, speaking as a member of the School Board, pledged his hearty support and cooperation in every movement looking toward school progress.

The enrollment on the first day was low, but it is hoped that the parents will do all in their power to increase the enrollment and keep the average daily attendance high. The total enrollment for the day was 136 while the total enrollment last session was 259. "The children are here, but where? Let's get them in school, and keep them there," Principal Barnhart said. "You have provided a splendid school building; sufficiently large to care for twice today's enrollment, why not use it? Will you do your part to save money on operating costs? If so, help us double the enrollment and keep the average attendance high," the principal urged.

Masonic Lectures Poorly Attended

Mr. K. W. Winstead, assistant grand lecturer of the North Carolina Grand Lodge, completes a week of special instruction in the local lodge tonight. Every two years each lodge in the State is required to provide a week of special instruction for its officers and degree teams. Political speakings and other activities have interfered with the work to some extent, but many have attended the lectures.

Max Gardner To Speak in Washington Tonight

Max Gardner, Democratic nominee for governor, will be well received when he speaks in Washington tonight, according to statements coming from that town. A torch parade has been planned for 7:30 tonight, and many citizens from here are planning to attend and take part. The speaking will be held in the school auditorium immediately after the parade.

Farm Life School To Open Monday

Mr. R. B. Talley, principal of the Farm Life School, is making preparations for the opening of the school there next Monday morning, when short exercises will be held. The first teachers' meeting is being held there this afternoon, the teachers, Misses Zilla Winn, of Danville, Va., Alma Mizelle, Fannie Martin, of Jamesville, Lillian Haislip, of Hassell, and Reba Jefferson, of Washington, having arrived last night and this morning.

Superintendent R. A. Pope is planning to attend the opening, and a few parents and patrons are expected to be present.

Bear Grass Parents And Teachers Meet

The Bear Grass Parent-Teacher Association, one of the county's best, held its first meeting last night in the school building there. Plans looking toward a better school for the community were discussed, and a constructive program for the year's work was decided upon.

Strengthening the regular attendance was discussed, and it is hoped by the school people there that the organization will have the undivided support of the community.

\$15.84 AVERAGE IS MADE FOR FIRST MONTH'S SALES

Greenville Had Average of \$15.65; Wilson Next With \$15.64

WEEK'S AVERAGE 25c

Yesterday's Sales Reach New High Average of \$27 Per Hundred; Market Has Good Week

According to official averages released by the State Crop Reporting Service, the local market lead during September in prices paid for tobacco. While the average price was not at all high, Williamston was at the top of the list with an average of \$15.84. Wilson averaged \$15.64, and Greenville reported \$15.65, according to the reporting service, an official office of the Department of Agriculture. The averages ranged as low as \$13.65.

Sales on the local market have been good this week considering the busy season for the farmers, the time when peanuts are to be dug, and cotton is to be picked. Including today's sale it is estimated that the market will pass the 650,000 pound mark for the week, and will average a fraction over 25 cents. The week's offerings will bring the season's sales to within a few hundred pounds of the five million mark, it was learned at the office of the local tobacco board of trade this morning.

Yesterday's sale reached a new high level when an average of 27 cents was made on the day's offerings.

Warehousemen are urging the farmers to sell their best tobaccos at once. The prices are good and for the best types prices ranging around 75 cents per pound are being paid right along. "I saw more 75- and 80-cent tobacco here yesterday than I have seen in several seasons," stated a farmer from Griffins township this morning.

LOCAL ELEVEN DEFEATS AYDEN

Boys Here Say It Is Strongest Team They Have Been Up Against

In a game marred by poor sportsmanship, the local high school football team turned back Ayden's strong eleven there last Tuesday afternoon, 21 to 0. After winning from some of the larger teams in the section, Ayden could not swallow the drubbing handed it, and uncalled for remarks were said to have been made by many.

The opponents offered a strong opposition and made the game very interesting. The boys here declared it was the strongest they had met so far this season, but when "Ikey" and "Toodlum" started their march down the field, the touchdowns were in order. To pacify their opponents, the locals allowed them to take back two touchdowns.

Rich Square is being invaded by Coach Hood and his boys today.

Kiwanis Celebrates Its Second Anniversary

A unique program featured the second anniversary of the local Kiwanis club here last night when special guests attended and took a part in the celebration.

Mr. E. J. Clark, guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. U. Barnes and editor of the Worcester Democrat, Pocomoke, Md., made a short talk, emphasizing and encouraging the brotherhood of man. He pointed out the necessity of preserving Christianity, which is essential to our existence and development as a people and race. In a non-partisan way, Editor Clark stated that every individual should exercise his own convictions in voting, that we should be tolerant in all matters.

Reviewing the work carried on by the club since its organization two years ago, Attorney Elbert S. Peel called to the attention of those present the various projects that have been promoted by the organization, and stated the chief aim of Kiwanis to be the promotion of community growth.

Editor W. C. Manning Considerably Improved

Our Editor W. C. Manning, continues ill at his home, but is expected to have fully recovered from an attack of influenza within a day or two. During the week he has been unable to attend to any of his duties, but he is expected back in his regular capacity Monday or Tuesday.